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YARNELL'S WARNING

To the Editor: The French say, "Isn't it strange? As soon as we get out of a colony, the Americans come in!"

According to the Geneva Convention which set up the country of Laos it was to be neutral. However, we immediately tried to tie it up with the West. In 1959 a witness for our government accounting office testified in a Congressional investigation that our aid was all going to support the Laotian army—which we trained and armed—and into the the pockets of officials, that it was not helping the people of the country. Consequent discontent of the latter helped the Communists and promoted instability. (Neighboring Cambodia, really neutral, has a stable government.)

Our continued inteference in Laos led to counter measures from Communist countries. We have a 685-man military assistance advisory group there, and goodness knows how many agents of the Central Intelligence Agency.

In South Viet Nam also we are supporting a government which is toppling because of its own rottenness and disregard for the people.

Now President Kennedy has just sent in 100 of our jungle fighters to support it. Our military officials and Central Intelligence Agency are trying to involve us further in both Laos and South Viet Nam.

Our administration is showing an alarming faith in military, "para-military" and cloak and dagger activities that are violations of treaties and of moral and civil laws. There are constructive alternatives to such activities that should be used.

We are being threatened with another Korea which could explode into global nuclear holocaust.

Admiral Yarnell, former commander of our Pacific Fleet warned in October 1955, that other parts of Southeast Asia might become Communist, but "the important thing to realize is that our intervention can't stop these things. It only makes the situation worse."

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